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SUBJECT: MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT IN ADMINISTRATION OF THE
ARTS

REF: DEPARTMENT'S A-3472, MAY 16, 1975

1. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE ADDRESSEE POSTS
RECONSIDERING A-3472 ANNOUNCING THE MULTI-REGIONAL
PROJECT IN ADMINISTRATION OF THE ARTS. WE BRING THIS
PROJECT TO YOUR ATTENTION IN PARTICULAR SINCE IT FITS
THE NEW EMPHASIS IN CU/EA ON PROVIDING OPPORTUNITY FOR
ASIANS TO PRESENT INFORMATION ON THEIR OWN CULTURES IN
THE UNITED STATES.

2. PROGRAM WILL BEGIN WITH SEMINAR IN WASHINGTON WITH
OFFICIALS OF THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS,
SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION, KENNEDY CENTER AND OTHER ARTS
EXPERTS ON THE NATIONAL LEVEL. FOLLOWING THE WASHINGTON
PROGRAM, SMALL SEMINARS WILL BE HELD COAST TO COAST
FEATURING PRESENTATIONS BY EACH PARTICIPANT ON THE ART
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SCENE IN HIS OWN COUNTRY. PROGRAM WILL ALSO INCLUDE

CONSULTATIONS WITH AMERICAN COUNTERPARTS AND ATTENDANCE

AT PERFORMANCES. PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE APPROXIMATELY FIVE DAYS OF INDIVIDUAL TRAVEL TO PURSUE THEIR OWN SPECIALITIES. PARTICIPANTS WILL ALSO HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF CULTURAL EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THEIR COUNTRIES.

3. WE HAVE RECEIVED NOMINATIONS OR ASSURANCE OF NOMINATIONS FOR THIS PROJECT FROM 13 COUNTRIES THROUGHOUT WORLD. HOWEVER, ONLY TWO EAST ASIAN COUNTRIES HAVE INDICATED INTENTION TO PARTICIPATE. IN ORDER TO HAVE MORE BALANCED REPRESENTATION WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AT LEAST TWO MORE EAST ASIAN COUNTRIES REPRESENTED IF POSSIBLE. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN PROJECT, WE WOULD NEED NOMINATIONS SOONEST AS PROJECT IS SCHEDULED TO START NOVEMBER 3. NOMINEES SHOULD BE WELL-KNOWN EXPERTS IN THEIR FIELDS. KISSINGER

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